



# *Snohomish County* **Council on Aging**



## **Senior Centers Full Committee**

Mill Creek Senior Center

February 16, 2016

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**SENIOR CENTER DIRECTORS:** Marc Avni (East Co), Terry Schuler (Mill Creek), Bob Dvorak (Snohomish), Keith Yarter (Stanwood), Deb Loughrey-Johnson & Lori Cummings (Everett), Mary-Anne Grafton (Lynnwood), Linda Smith (Cascade), Ann Nygaard (Mountlake Terrace Rep), Ramonda Sosa (CHL), Art Alessi (Lake Stevens), Jo Olson (Stillaguamish), and Maryke Burgess (Marysville).

**COA MEMBERS:** Sheila Bartlett (Chair), Nora Todd, So Ying Wong, Dennis Wheeler, Ann Kelleher, Pat Mahoney, Kim Manus, Tony Porciuncula, and Mike Holcomb.

**STAFF AND GUESTS:** Danielle Maiden, July Andre and Martha Peppones.

After thanking the Senior Center Director for hosting the meeting first order of business was a presentation by Andrea Kolacz, Community Action & CSBG Program Manager with Snohomish County Human Services, on the 2015 Community Needs Assessment for Snohomish County. Ms. Kolacz welcomes the attendees to provide their feedback on the presentation including any follow up questions or request for additional data to Danielle Maiden via email ([Danielle.maiden@snoco.org](mailto:Danielle.maiden@snoco.org)).

After the presentation the group discussed changes in the Senior Center's that may be helpful to the issues identified in the Community Needs Assessment. The group spoke to the importance of creating positions in the Center's such as "Resource Navigators" that could help members access the resources available in the community. Another good idea is to have SHIBA volunteers available at the Centers to work with members on accessing health insurance and other resources.

Danielle spoke to the Director's, reminding them that the Senior Center Program Instructions were sent out for the 2016 Senior Center Contracts, the Annual Survey will be conducted in each of the Senior Centers on March 8<sup>th</sup> and the report is due on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Danielle also requested that if possible it would be great to get the reports in early as she will be out on leave of absence around that time.

The Steering Committee for the 2016 Snohomish County Project Homeless Connect is currently seeking shuttle buses and drivers to be donated for the day of the event, July 14, 2016. The event is scheduled to be held at the Everett High School downtown Everett. The event will run from 9am-2pm that day and the shuttles are needed to transport participants to the Department of Licensing and to the pharmacy to acquire their identification cards and prescriptions. If your center is interested in being involved with Project Homeless Connect please contact Danielle for more information.

The Director's conducted an abbreviated Director's Roundtable and shared information about what is taking place at each of the centers.

**Next Full Meeting: LOCATION CHANGE!!! April 14, 2016 at Carl Gipson Senior Center.**